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Amendment and Response to Office Action

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006 for the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Office Action is initially due on or before December 21, 2006, and thus, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.